



Remarks and Arguments:

Upon entry of the instant amendment, claims 1-17 are pending. Claims 5 and 16 have been objected to and claims 1-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Duran (U.S. Patent No. 6,688,780).

In response to the Examiner's suggestion, claims 5 and 16 have been amended to correct the cited informality.

For there to be anticipation, each and every element of the claim at issue must be found in a single prior art reference. It is respectfully submitted that the claims as amended are not suggested, taught or implied by Duran. In particular, claim 1 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*, "a central housing formed from a unitary piece of metal for eliminating the need for joining multiple pieces of metal.". Claim 9 has similarly been amended.

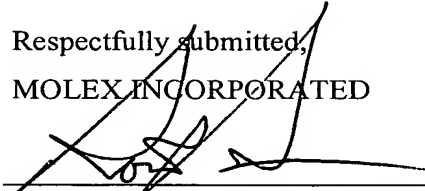
Claim 18 has been added to further claim the benefits of manufacturing the device as a single piece.

Support for the claim amendments and new claim may be found on page 5, lines 14-15.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this case is in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

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